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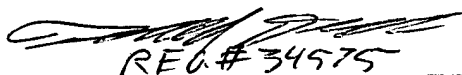
Claims 1 through 16 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 3 through 6 and 8 through 16 have been amended. The amended claims present the same subject matter as the original claims but have been amended to adapt them to the U. S. style.

The claims have been amended in order to place this application in better form. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.

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